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1. AS WE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN TOLD, THE ECUADOREAN FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (CONSEJO NACIONAL DE DESARROLLO PESQUERO) HAD RECOMMENDED TO THE MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY THAT THE COSTS FOR REGISTERING AND LICENSING FOREIGN FLAG VESSELS TO FISH IN ECUADOREAN CLAIMED WATERS BE INCREASED. THE RECOMMENDATION WAS ACCEPTED BY THE MINISTRY AND NEEDED ONLY THE PUBLICATION OF A DECREE IN THE "REGISTRO OFICIAL" TO MAKE IT APPLICABLE.

2. SUCH A DECREE WAS PUBLISHED ON FEBRUARY 17, 1978 AND IT APPEARED IN THE FEBRUARY 21 ISSUE OF THE "REGISTRO OFICIAL." THIS THEN MAKES THE FOLLOWING RATES APPLICABLE:

REGISTRATION (MATRICULA) U.S. \$1000.00

PERMIT- U. S. \$80.00 PER NET REGISTERED TON OF VESSEL
THE MATRICULA IS VALID ONLY DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR OF ISSUANCE, I.E
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UNTIL DECEMBER 31. THE PERMIT IS VALID FOR A SINGLE TRIP OF UP TO FIFTY DAYS.

3. THIS WILL AFFECT, OF COURSE, ANY U.S. REGISTERED VESSELS DESIRING TO FISH DURING 1978. THOUGH THE IATTC WILL LIKELY CLOSE THE SEASON THIS MONTH, MANY VESSELS' OWNERS WILL POSSIBLY WANT TO BRING THEIR

SHIPS TO ECUADOREAN CLAIMED WATERS FOR A "FREE TRIP" POSSIBLY IN MAY
WHEN IT IS NOW ESTIMATED THE TUNA WILL BE OFF ECUADOREAN SHORES. FAIR
LY
GOOD CATCHES OF SKIPJACK AND YELLOWFIN ARE BEING REPORTED OFF PERU
IN ADDITION TO THE EXCELLENT CATCHES OFF COSTA RICA'S COCO ISLANDS.

4. ECUADORS' FLEET BASED PRINCIPALLY IN MANTA AND POSORJA HAVE BEEN
LYING IDLE EXCEPT FOR SMALL CATCHES OF SKIPJACK. SINCE THEY ARE NOT
FAR RANGING VESSELS THEY WERE UNABLE TO GO TO COSTA RICA AND HAVE BEE
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BUYING PERUVIAN LICENSES, SO IT IS SAID.
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